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Worship God
Grow in Christ

Build Community
Bless the World



CAIRO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

(1867-2024) – Celebrating Our 157th Year

318 South Broad Street • Cairo, Georgia 39828-2717

Rev. Sam Vernon, Pastor

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📘 Cairo First Church ☎ Upper Room Prayer Line 1-800-251-2468

*Please join us for
a Musical Performance of
Christmas
by Candlelight*

Wednesday, December 4th

at 6:45 p.m.

Cairo First Methodist Church

318 S. Broad St.

Cairo, Georgia

Our Chancel Choir will present this musical program for us in the sanctuary. Wednesday Night Supper will be served at 6:00 pm (reservations required)

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The poinsettia on the altar for Advent are placed there by his family in loving memory of

MR. G. ROBERT (BOB) JONES

MEMORIALS:

Memorials has been given to Cairo First Church in loving memory of

MR. G. ROBERT JONES

By: Paige Groover
Mrs. Jeanette Mann
Charles and Celeste Tyler
Tom and Nancy Petillo
Mrs. Carolyn Trawick

MR. ADRON ROSSER, JR.

By: Paige Groover
Bobby & Linda Drew Johnson
Family
Charles and Celeste Tyler

DR. DEWEY PHELPS

MR. RICHARD VANLANDINGHAM

By: Paige Groover
Charles and Celeste Tyler

MRS. NAOMI WHITE

By: Paige Groover

LOOKING AHEAD:

December 3 - 5:00 pm – Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting

December 4 - 6:45 pm - CHRISTMAS MUSICAL (Make reservations for the meal by Monday noon, December 2)

December 17 - 6:30 pm – Preschool Christmas Program

December 24 - 5:00 pm – Christmas Eve Communion

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION:

AT 5:00 PM, December 24, with candle-light “Silent Night” outside weather permitting.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

Will meet Tuesday, December 3, at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

SPECIAL THANKS:

To Becky Hopkins for the beautiful arrangements on the communion tables in the sanctuary and chapel for Thanksgiving Sunday.

To Hopkins Farms for providing the produce for the arrangements.

To Claire Chason, Nathan Hartsell, Dick Porter, Anne Richter, Fran Sheffield, Tommy Smith and Celeste Tyler for all their work on preparing the sanctuary for Advent this past Sunday afternoon.

To everyone who had any part in the success of the WinGS Bazaar last Saturday. Lots of work was done by many hands .

STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Will be Sunday, December 8th at 1:00 pm at Longhorn Steakhouse in Thomasville.

FLOWER CALENDAR:

The flower calendar for 2025 is on the bulletin board in the downstairs hallway. Please sign up for flowers for 2025. And remember that two arrangements are needed.

HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE SCHEDULE:

November 28-29 – Office Closed for Thanksgiving

December 24 - Office Closes at Noon December 25-27 Office Closed

January 1 - Office Closed for New Year’s Day

We will not mail out a Church Bulletin the week of December 23-29.

HAVING A CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Please let Ruth in the church office so it can be put on the church calendar so we can avoid Holiday Schedule Conflicts.



Week of **Dec. 1-7**
2024



Remember in Prayer

OUR KNOWN ILL: (AS OF TUESDAY)

Sunday, December 1:

8:00 am	Early Worship
9:00 am	Contemporary Worship
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	†Traditional Worship
5:00 pm	Youth Activities

Monday, December 2:

No Activities

Tuesday, December 3:

8:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
10:00 am	Ladies' Prayer Group
6:00 pm	Staff Parish Relations Committee

Wednesday, December 4:

6:00 pm	Meal
6:45 pm	Christmas by Candlelight in the Sanctuary

Thursday, December 5:

8:30 am	Service on CNS Channel 6
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Friday, December 6:

2:00 pm	Service on CNS Channel 6
9:00 pm	Service on CNS Channel 6

† **Live streaming**

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE PADS:

Please sign in each Sunday. Visitors, if you would like to be on the Weekly Bulletin mailing list, please indicate that as well.

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP - 11/24/24

Weekly Needs	\$9,793.00
Weekly Receipts	\$37,720.00
Memorial/In Honor	\$400.00
Missions	\$250.00
Bucket Brigade	\$118.15

BUCKET BRIGADE:

The Bucket brigade offerings (loose change in buckets) goes to mission projects that the church sponsors throughout the year. The offering for **December** will go to the Help Agency.

Thanks for your donations. Donations can be made by check designating that it is to go to the bucket brigade offering.

SAN ANTONIO, TX

Mrs. Lauren Harrell

TALLAHASSEE, FL:

Mr. Prentiss Mitchell

AT HOME:

- Mr. Ray Butler
- Mr. David and Mrs. Catherine Elkins
- Mrs. Barbara Garcia
- Mrs. Betty Hester
- Mrs. Lisa LeGette
- Mr. Howell and Mrs. Eleanor McKinnon
- Mrs. Faye Miller
- Mr. Herbert W. and Mrs. Mary Wind

The Church and its ministries, the Church Staff and all Church members.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:

ARCHBOLD LIVING, CAIRO:

- Mr. Philip Almon
- Mrs. Mary Meill
- Mr. John Summers (Father of Clair McCaskill)

MAGNOLIA PLACE:

- Mrs. Joan Cassels
- Mrs. Dot Moses James
- Mrs. Nell Mitchell
- Mrs. Janet Murphy
- Mrs. Barbara Spooner (Mother of Ron Spooner)
- Mrs. Carolyn Trawick

LEGACY VILLAGE, THOMASVILLE, GA:

- Mrs. Catherine Wood (Mother of Becky Hopkins)
- Mr. Rusty Wood (Brother of Becky Hopkins)

SOUTHERN PINES, THOMASVILLE, GA:

- Mrs. Doris Rehberg (Mother of Nell Owens)

RESIDENCE INN AT THE OAKS, THOMASVILLE, GA

- Mrs. Marjorie Taylor

PRESBYTERIAN HOME, QUITMAN, GA:

- Mrs. Opal Prince

LA MESA, CA:

- Ike & Charlene Powell

BRENTWOOD, TN:

- Dr. Bob Kral



Birthday Greetings

December 1: Justin Amaro,
Jami Porter, Jay Tyson, Jr

December 2: Casey Howell,
Carolyn Hudson

December 4: Ed Self

December 5: Raymond Harrell

Sunday December 1, 2024

Traditional Informal – Chapel

8:00 am

*Scripture Lesson
SermonRev. Vernon
Communion

Contemporary – Sanctuary (Livestream)

9:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Registration of Attendance)
Worship
Offering
Children’s SermonAdrienne Harrison
*Affirmation of God’s WordRev. Vernon

**This is God’s Word. I believe I am who He says I am,
I have what He says I have, and I can do what He says I can do.**

*Scripture
SermonRev. Vernon
Communion

* Please stand as you are able.

THOSE WHO SERVE: 9:00 AM: SS Greeters/Ushers: Ben Hopkins;
Worship Team: Brian Morgan - vocals, guitar; Stacey Morgan - vocals, keys;
Tech: Will Bundrick - video; Miller Kate Morgan - streaming;

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...ADRIENNE

email: abharrison1@hotmail.com
text: 229-254-2546

Children’s Sermon: Adrienne Harrison
Acolytes: Carroll Hopkins and Campbell Jones
Buckets: Ella Jones and Theo Stoddard

The children will be singing with the choir on Wednesday, Dec 4.

Minute to Win it Game Night is December 8 at 5:00 p.m. Kids vs. Parents. Will the kids win again?! All are welcome to join.

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEWS FROM...KELSEY

email: westkelsey09@gmail.com
cell/text: (229) 413-3561

- **DECEMBER 1** - 10:00 am - Sunday School
- **DECEMBER 1** - 5:00 pm - Youth weekly Sunday night activities at the youth house
- **DECEMBER 4** - 6:45 pm - Meet in Sanctuary for Christmas Music Program
- **FEBRUARY 14-17** - Snowbird Youth Winter Retreat - Second payment is due in January
- **MFUGE DEPOSIT** of \$75.00 is due in February

Sunday December 1, 2024

Traditional Worship – Sanctuary (Livestream)

11:00 am

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARYMr. Ed Self
From Heaven Above - Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSRev. Sam Vernon

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Reader: Today on this first Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of HOPE.

**Congregation: In the Old Testament, the promised Messiah
was HOPE longed for**

Reader: In the New Testament, Christ was born on the first Christmas Day
as HOPE realized

Congregation: Today Christ is HOPE for the whole world.

*HYMN OF PRAISENo. 211
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Vernon

OFFERING

OFFERTORYMr. Self
I Wonder as I Wander - John Jacob Niles

*DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYERRev. Vernon

SPECIAL MUSICMr. Jeremy Moore
O Lord, Be Merciful - Bartlett

HOLY COMMUNION

*AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S WORDRev. Vernon

**This is God's Word. I believe I am who He says I am,
I have what He says I have and I can do what He says I can do.**

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

SERMONRev. Vernon

*HYMN OF RESPONSENo. 196
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

*BENEDICTIONRev. Vernon

+POSTLUDEMr. Self
Postlude on "Divinum Mysterium" - Martin

+After the Benediction, you are dismissed
or feel free to remain in the sanctuary and enjoy the Postlude

* Please stand as you are able.

Altar Guild: Miriam Funderburk, Frances Thrower; **Ushers:** Herbert Wind, Dale Helms

SINNER'S PRAYER

DEAR JESUS,

I believe You are the Son of God. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins 2000 years ago. I confess that I am a sinner. Please forgive me of my sins. Come into my heart and be my Savior and make me into the kind of person You want me to be.

Amen

This is just one example of a prayer that someone could pray to become Christian. For the prayer to be effective it needs to be an honest expression of someone's heart.

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BE GOOD STEWARDS:

When you leave the sanctuary on Sunday morning, please take a minute to replace the hymnal and/or Bible in the rack. Also, please take your used tissue and bulletin with you upon departing.

Thanks for your assistance as we do not have custodians coming in after Sunday services.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER SCHEDULE:

December 4 - Last Supper of the Year (Choir Christmas Program is at 6:45 pm. Make reservations for the meal you want to eat at 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS DECEMBER 4

Please make your reservations for the meal by calling the church, sending a text to 229-403-0428, email to adm.cairofum@syrupcity.net or filling out the form below.

Let us know if your child or children would prefer a hotdog.

If you do not have a permanent reservations, then reservations must be made by Monday noon in order that food can be purchased.

Week Dec. 4 _____ **Permanent** _____

Name _____

No. of Adults _____ @ 6.00/person

No. children (3-11) _____ @ 3.50 /person

Directory

- Sam VernonPastor
- Ruth SimsAdm. Assistant
- Adrienne Harrison . . Children's Director
- Kelsey WestYouth Director
- Jeremy MooreMusic Director
- Ed SelfOrganist
- Brian and Stacey Morgan Contemporary Worship Leaders
- Ashlei Steele Preschool Director
- Church Office229-377-3051
- Emergency Numbers .229-377-1017
229-403-0428
912-230-6627

EMAILS: When sending emails to the church office, please use the following address:

adm.cairofum@syrupcity.net

E-MAILS ADDRESS/CELL PHONE NUMBERS: Contact with church members is very important. Please turn in email addresses and cell phone numbers especially if you no longer use a land line for your telephone. Thanks

Name _____

E-Mail _____

Cell Number _____

Thanks ever so much!